GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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NATIONAL SPORTS DEVELOPMENT FUND
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are contemplating to set up a National Sports Development Fund;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the objective behind setting up National Sports Development Fund; and

(d) the source of funding proposed for National Sports Development Fund?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PON. RADHAKIRISHNAN)

(a) to (d): The Government has already set upa National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) during 1998-99 through a notification, dated 12.11.1998. The NSDF has been set up with the following objectives:

1. To administer and apply the moneys of the Fund for promotion of sports, in general, and specific sports disciplines and individual sports persons, in particular, for achieving excellence at the national and international level;

2. To impart special training and coaching in relevant sports disciplines to sportspersons, coaches and sports specialists;

3. To construct and maintain infrastructure, as may be required for promotion of excellence in sports;

4. To supply equipment to Government and Non-Governmental Organizations and individuals with a view to promoting excellence in sports;

5. To identify problems and take up research and development studies for providing support to excellence in sports;

6. To promote international cooperation, in particular, exchanges which may promote the development of indigenous sports and human resources, as also, the activities which are within the amount of Exchange Programmes, entered into between India and other countries; and

7. To provide low interest or interest- free loans for projects and activities, related to any of the aforesaid objects.

The Fund can accept grants and contributions, both recurring and non-recurring, from the Central Government, State Governments, statutory bodies, United Nations and its associated bodies, other international organizations, private and public corporate sector, trusts, societies and individuals. The Government has made initial contribution of Rs.200 lakhs as seed money. Further Government contribution is on matching basis to the contribution received from other sources.